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## **Clean Power Plan**

**Springfield (Mo.) News Leader - Opinion: The E.P.A. clean power plan: We can do this - 8/16/15 -** Contrary to what Representative Billy Long says, achievement of the EPA's Clean Power Plan goals for Missouri is already happening. <http://www.news-leader.com/story/opinion/contributors/2015/08/16/epa-clean-power-plan-can/31830171/>

**St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Letter: Clean Power Plan will benefit economy, expand clean energy - 8/16/15 -** The clean energy paradigm shift is occurring, and the Clean Power Plan accelerates the transition for the benefit of Missouri's economy. [http://www.stltoday.com/news/opinion/mailbag/clean-power-plan-will-benefit-economy-expand-clean-energy/article\\_cc2b8928-6864-59ff-962f-7f27de92e4a4.html](http://www.stltoday.com/news/opinion/mailbag/clean-power-plan-will-benefit-economy-expand-clean-energy/article_cc2b8928-6864-59ff-962f-7f27de92e4a4.html)

**Kansas City Star (blog) - Mike Garland: Use wind to meet Clean Power Plan - 8/16/15 -** The new Clean Power Plan requires states to find ways to reduce carbon pollution from power plants. Kansas can meet the terms of the plan – and protect Kansans' health and wallets in the process – by pulling the clean energy it needs literally out of thin air. In other words, by turning to wind power. <http://www.kansas.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/article31137149.html>

**iFreePress - Kansas Files Suit To Delay EPA Regulations - 8/16/15 -** Fifteen US states have petitioned a federal court to block new rules by President Barack Obama's administration to encourage clean power and cut harmful carbon emissions from power plants. "To ensure that the Clean Power Plan's significant health benefits and progress against climate change are delivered to all Americans, EPA and the Department of Justice will vigorously defend it in court", EPA spokeswoman Liz Purchia told Reuters. <http://www.ifreepress.com/1995-kansas-files-suit-to-delay-epa-regulations/>

**Co-Operative News - Electric co-operatives argue Obama's Clean Power Plan goes too far - 8/17/15 -** Electric co-operatives have expressed concerns over President Obama's Clean Power Plan which aims for a 32% cut in greenhouse gas emissions from the USA's electricity sector by 2030. The co-ops fear the plan goes too far and too fast and will lead to an increase in electricity prices. <http://www.thenews.coop/96876/news/co-operatives/electric-co-operatives-argue-obamas-clean-power-plan-goes-far/>

**Lawrence (Kan.) Journal-World - Sloan: Clean Power Plan leaves gaps for states and utilities to fill -**

8/16/15 - On a bright summer afternoon, Rep. Tom Sloan sat down for lunch in a restaurant in a west Lawrence shopping center. He talked about how Kansas is missing a big opportunity to transform all that sunlight into electric energy, at least during the hottest part of the day, when the state's coal- and nuclear-powered electric plants are churning at full capacity. <http://www2.ljworld.com/news/2015/aug/16/sloan-clean-power-plan-leaves-gaps-states-and-util/>

**Omaha World-Herald - Michael Bloomberg: Obama didn't kill coal; the market did** - 8/17/15 - Critics of the Environmental Protection Agency's new Clean Power Plan are describing it in apocalyptic terms. But much of what they believe about the plan — that it will destroy the coal industry, kill jobs and raise costs for consumers — is wrong. And it's important to understand why. [http://www.omaha.com/opinion/michael-bloomberg-obama-didn-t-kill-coal-the-market-did/article\\_7526ea92-c5b5-5cfd-944e-07dd226c31fa.html](http://www.omaha.com/opinion/michael-bloomberg-obama-didn-t-kill-coal-the-market-did/article_7526ea92-c5b5-5cfd-944e-07dd226c31fa.html)

**Iowa News Service - Health Benefits for Iowa with Clean Power Plan** - 8/16/15 - Reducing pollution from coal power plants in Iowa and nationwide will help clear the air and the American Lung Association says that means an improvement in public health. The group says among those who will benefit the most from the recently finalized Clean Power Plan are low-income Americans, who are more apt to live in areas around power plants. [http://www.kmaland.com/news/health-benefits-for-iowa-with-clean-power-plan/article\\_9a3df6ce-4063-11e5-addd-7728de700021.html](http://www.kmaland.com/news/health-benefits-for-iowa-with-clean-power-plan/article_9a3df6ce-4063-11e5-addd-7728de700021.html)

**Associated Press - Obama heralds impact of power plant greenhouse gas limits** - 8/16/15 - Calling it a moral obligation, President Barack Obama unveiled the final version of his plan to dramatically cut emissions from U.S. power plants, as he warned anew that climate change will threaten future generations if left unchecked. [http://www.hpi.com/ag\\_news/obama-heralds-impact-of-power-plant-greenhouse-gas-limits/article\\_1104aa85-55b5-5b58-b4d2-ced77f251da6.html](http://www.hpi.com/ag_news/obama-heralds-impact-of-power-plant-greenhouse-gas-limits/article_1104aa85-55b5-5b58-b4d2-ced77f251da6.html)

**North Platte (Neb.) Telegraph - The Clean Power Plan affects you** - 8/16/15 - Now that the EPA Clean Power Plan is finalized, you may be wondering how it will affect your electric bill. Although we don't know the full financial impact yet, one thing's for sure — you can expect it to go up. [http://www.nptelegraph.com/opinion/editorials/the-clean-power-plan-affects-you/article\\_458e6b34-439e-11e5-af10-7f5890931002.html](http://www.nptelegraph.com/opinion/editorials/the-clean-power-plan-affects-you/article_458e6b34-439e-11e5-af10-7f5890931002.html)

**Hastings (Neb.) Tribune - Utilities board discusses effects of EPA ruling** - 8/14/15 - The Clean Power Plan, issued by the Environmental Protection Agency last week, looks to cut emissions at Hastings Utilities Whelan Energy Center by nearly 45 percent within 15 years. [http://www.hastingstribune.com/news/utilities-board-discusses-effects-of-epa-ruling/article\\_24d74c3a-4204-11e5-bd10-e319e288b977.html](http://www.hastingstribune.com/news/utilities-board-discusses-effects-of-epa-ruling/article_24d74c3a-4204-11e5-bd10-e319e288b977.html)

**Greenwire - New lawsuit's goal: Secure right-leaning judicial panel** - 8/14/15 - Yesterday's bid by 15 states asking a federal court to block U.S. EPA's landmark Clean Power Plan contained little new information about their objections to the rule. <http://www.eenews.net/stories/1060023500>

**ClimateWire - Clean Power Plan offers concessions but is still a challenge -- utility analysts -**  
8/14/15 - Extended deadlines for action under the final Clean Power Plan are a boon to electric utilities, according to financial analysts. <http://www.eenews.net/stories/1060023467>

**News Max (blog) - EPA's Green Attack on Red States – 8/17/15 -** As the Supreme Court observed in slapping down EPA's mercury rule, "When an agency claims to discover in a long-extant statute unheralded power to regulate a significant portion of the economy, we typically greet its announcement with a measure of skepticism." Fortunately, many states recognize strong reasons to agree and to resist federal usurpation of their constitutional authority. <http://www.newsmax.com/LarryBell/EPA-Green-Power-emissions/2015/08/17/id/670442/>

**The Patriot Post - Bleeding Republican States Dry - 8/17/15 -** We're about to coin a new phrase that perfectly captures the deliberately destructive tool of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in the hands of Barack Obama and the socialist Left. We'll call it the "psychosis of socialism."  
<http://patriotpost.us/articles/37018>

**Clean Technica - Obama Administration Clean Power Plan Will Force Positive Change - 8/16/15 -** Alex Laskey, the president of Opower (an energy efficiency company) commented on the plan, saying that it will have stark implications for the energy industry and people's lifestyles. Of course, that isn't surprising for a firm plan that actually enacts significant change. In order to put a stop to climate change, the world has to stop consuming fossil fuels. <https://cleantechnica.com/2015/08/15/obama-administration-unveils-clean-power-plan/>

**Wall Street Journal - Letter: Closer Look at the Likely Effects of the EPA's Grid Plan - 8/17/15 -** The stability of our reliable and economical power system will be put at great risk by the radical EPA plan.  
<http://www.wsj.com/articles/closer-look-at-the-likely-effects-of-the-epas-grid-plan-1439750616>

**Forbes (column) - Despite Lawsuits, Even Coal Country Will Comply With The Clean Power Plan - 5/17/15 -** Will the perpetual political spin, corporate campaigns and legal challenges serve to block President Obama's plan to cut carbon emissions? It's unlikely — even in coal country, which is subtly making its own progress. <http://www.forbes.com/sites/kensilverstein/2015/08/17/despite-lawsuits-even-coal-country-will-comply-with-the-clean-power-plan/>

**Gold King Mine Response**

**Denver Post - Animas River spill: Navajo Nation angry at EPA – 8/17/15** - If there was ever doubt this tribe of roughly 300,000 people is mistrustful of the federal government, such uncertainty is gone. The EPA-caused 3 million-gallon mine wastewater spill in southwest Colorado on Aug. 5 sent resentment cascading into American Indian land along with a plume of heavy-metal contaminants.  
[http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci\\_28651849/navajo-nation-angry-at-epa](http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_28651849/navajo-nation-angry-at-epa)

**BrietBart (blog) – EPA Fails To Acknowledge It Coerced Mine Owner to Grant Access – 8/16/15** - The Environmental Protection Agency isn't responding to claims by Todd Hennis, owner of the Gold King mine in Colorado that the agency coerced him to grant access to his property. Once taking over, of course, EPA's incompetent attempts to remove debris created a massive 3 million gallon toxic waste spill from the mine. <http://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2015/08/16/epa-fails-to-acknowledge-it-coerced-mine-owner-to-grant-access/>

**Quad-City Times - Editorial Board: Mine spill defines EPA dilemma – 8/17/15** - - Condemn the EPA's execution of this cleanup. But sustain support for federal oversight of our land, water and air that no single state could begin to protect. [http://qctimes.com/news/opinion/editorial/mine-spill-defines-epa-dilemma/article\\_4e5bd9af-3314-515d-9c4f-467df06ccc4e.html](http://qctimes.com/news/opinion/editorial/mine-spill-defines-epa-dilemma/article_4e5bd9af-3314-515d-9c4f-467df06ccc4e.html)

**NPR - A Week Since The EPA Spill, Coloradans Look Back On How It Happened (audio) – 8/16/15** - It's been more than a week since 3 million gallons of wastewater poured from an old gold mine into Colorado's Animas River. The EPA says it takes full responsibility for that leak, which turned the river a nasty mustard color with a plume of waste that included lead and mercury.  
<http://www.npr.org/2015/08/16/432495698/a-week-since-the-epa-spill-coloradans-look-back-on-how-it-happened>

**Denver Post - EPA plans water treatment system for Gold King mine – 8/14/15** - The Environmental Protection Agency said Friday night it will implement a commercial water treatment system at the Gold King Mine in the wake of a spill of 3 million gallons of wastewater this month that left the agency facing immense criticism. [http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci\\_28645132/epa-plans-water-treatment-system-gold-king-mine](http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_28645132/epa-plans-water-treatment-system-gold-king-mine)

**Denver Post - Animas River spill makes Silverton even warier of EPA – 8/16/15** - For years, three letters have made people in this old mining town particularly suspicious: EPA. But when the Environmental Protection Agency released 3 million gallons of wastewater from a nearby historic mine Aug. 5, that suspicion grew into a simmering anger for many of Silverton's 650 year-round residents.  
[http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci\\_28644587/spill-makes-silverton-even-warier-epa](http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_28644587/spill-makes-silverton-even-warier-epa)

**Denver Post - Animas River spill's political fallout defies expectations – 8/16/15** - Instead of highlighting the damage to provoke quicker action from federal authorities, the governor forcefully dismissed cautions about water quality in a public argument with the region's EPA administrator.  
[http://www.denverpost.com/politics/ci\\_28647823/animas-river-spills-political-fallout-defies-expectations](http://www.denverpost.com/politics/ci_28647823/animas-river-spills-political-fallout-defies-expectations)

**Fox News - Rage on the reservation: EPA spill stokes Navajo mistrust of feds - 8/16/15** - The mistrust Native Americans have long harbored toward the federal government has gone to another level in Navajo territory land, where residents angrily scoff at the Environmental Protection Agency's assurances its accidental mining spill won't foul the key San Juan River floodplain they depend on for their lives and livelihoods. <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2015/08/16/rage-on-reservation-navajo-mistrust-feds-ran-deep-before-epa-spill/>

## **Other Clips**

**Lincoln (Neb.) Journal-Star – Letter: Address Climate Change Now – 8/16/15** - This summer we've witnessed severe storms, heavy rainfall, strong winds and flooding in the Lincoln area. Sadly, extreme weather events like these can impact our water quality, increase allergens, and cause an uptick in heat-related illnesses for our community. The science is clear; climate change is happening now and carbon emissions from human activities are a significant contributor. [http://journalstar.com/news/opinion/mailbag/letter-address-climate-change-now/article\\_e7bc06d1-5e42-5447-86d8-3c0cfaa700b2.html](http://journalstar.com/news/opinion/mailbag/letter-address-climate-change-now/article_e7bc06d1-5e42-5447-86d8-3c0cfaa700b2.html)

**Cedar Rapids (Iowa) Gazette - Newstrack: DNR says communication, oversight problems led to asbestos at Washington High School - 5/17/15** - Communication and oversight problems led to the release of asbestos into the air at Washington High School earlier this summer, possibly exposing more than 100 construction workers to the carcinogen, an Iowa Department of Natural Resources environmental specialist said this week. <http://thegazette.com/subject/news/education/newstrack-dnr-says-communication-oversight-problems-led-to-asbestos-at-washington-high-school-20150817>

**Mason City (Iowa) Globe-Gazette - Britt has new standards to meet for wastewater permit - 8/15/15** - Handling what's flushed down the toilet could require more from the city of Britt. Engineers Tim Moreau and Drew Sweers of Veenstra & Kimm in Mason City shared a report on the Iowa Department of Natural Resources permit for the city's wastewater treatment plant at a recent meeting. The city has new standards to meet. [http://globegazette.com/news/local/britt-has-new-standards-to-meet-for-wastewater-permit/article\\_4f25cd52-014b-50d8-bad6-39d69e68ee61.html](http://globegazette.com/news/local/britt-has-new-standards-to-meet-for-wastewater-permit/article_4f25cd52-014b-50d8-bad6-39d69e68ee61.html)

**Iowa City (Iowa) Press-Citizen - Toxic algae, E. coli are dangers for local beaches - 8/16/15** - Johnson County beach-goers looking for a final summer swim before school starts should be aware of two unpleasant dangers — toxic algae and E. coli. <http://www.press-citizen.com/story/news/local/2015/08/16/toxic-algae-coli-dangers-local-beaches/31818937/>

**Radio Iowa - MidAmerican replacing old streetlights with new technology - 8/15/15** - The state's largest supplier of power is undertaking a project that will brighten up streets in hundreds of Iowa cities

and towns. <http://www.radioiowa.com/2015/08/15/midamerican-replacing-old-streetlights-with-new-technology/>

**Sioux City (Iowa) Journal - Riding the Wind: NW Iowa wind energy development a boon to local -** 8/15/15 - Hundreds of temporary workers who have filled nearly every available house and apartment in O'Brien County and neighboring counties and frequent restaurants, grocery stores and other businesses while working for one of the many companies involved in construction of the massive Highland Wind Energy wind farm near Primghar. [http://siouxcityjournal.com/business/energy/nw-iowa-wind-energy-development-a-boon-to-local-economy/article\\_04239f64-a212-5941-a8f5-1c12262a4f52.html](http://siouxcityjournal.com/business/energy/nw-iowa-wind-energy-development-a-boon-to-local-economy/article_04239f64-a212-5941-a8f5-1c12262a4f52.html)

**Hutchinson (Kan.) News - Column: The changing climate of federalism -** 8/14/15 - But the latest twist in this is how we profit from the legal standing and legal power of our state government as a shield against the powers-that-be in Washington. That part of our prairie political climate should make all of us proud. [http://www.hutchnews.com/opinion/columnists/the-changing-climate-of-federalism/article\\_f5ba43e4-0307-5fdc-876d-71b2c0023cdf.html](http://www.hutchnews.com/opinion/columnists/the-changing-climate-of-federalism/article_f5ba43e4-0307-5fdc-876d-71b2c0023cdf.html)

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**Ethanol Magazine - EPA cannot quit on RFS -** 8/17/15 - Stories about people like Jeff Oestmann, Scott Zaremba, Marietta Lakness and the people of Quad County Corn Processors are proof that the EPA cannot quit on the RFS, writes Brian Jennings. <http://www.ethanolproducer.com/articles/12526/epa-cannot-quit-on-rfs>

**Washington Examiner - Opinion: New ozone rules would undermine economic and environmental progress -** 8/17/15 - Public policies are most effective when they meet the economic needs, environmental concerns and societal expectations of our diverse communities. The new ozone rules fail this test. <http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/new-ozone-rules-would-undermine-economic-and-environmental-progress/article/2569934>